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For : GROWTH OF HUMAN DENDRITIC CELLS FOR CANCER
IMMUNOTHERAPY IN CLOSED SYSTEM USING MICROCARRIER
BEADS

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 30, 2002 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the December 30, 2002 Office Action was due March 30, 2003. However, since March 30, 2003 falls on a Sunday, a response is due the next business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday. Accordingly, a response to the December 30, 2002 Office Action is now due March 31, 2003 and this response is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as marked-up in **Exhibit A** attached hereto, by deleting the bracketed matter and inserting the underlined matter. A clean copy of claims 1 and 2, as amended, is attached as **Exhibit B**.